S.No.	*NH No.*	*Name of Section (Area)/Description of bridges*	*No. of works sanctioned (1988-89 to 1990-91)*
3.	6	Sambalpur to M.P.Border	3
4.	5	A.P. Border to Bhubaneswar	14
5.	5	Bhubaneswar to Bihar Border	29
6.	5A	Chandikol to Paradip Port	2
7.	23	Bihar Border-Barkote	14
8.	23	Banarpal to Pallahara	5
9.	42	Nirgundi to Sambalpur	17
10.	43	Koraput Distt.	10
	'B' BRIDGE WORKS		
1.	5	Major Bridge	2
2.	23	Major Bridge	1
3.	6	Minor Bridge	2
4.	23	Minor Bridge	13
5.	42	Minor Bridge	2
6.	42	Minor Bridge	1
		TOTAL	142

[English]

Weight Specification of Goods Carriage Vehicles

1512. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations against the reduction in the maximum weight carrying limits of goods transport vehicles particularly when the unladen weight of such vehicles has almost doubled since the fixation of last specifications; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to help small transporters in the face of restrictions on weight and imposition of high entry tax by several States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is stated that the Government have not made any reduction in the maximum weight carrying limits of the goods vehicles, and similar ceilings were prevalent under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. In the representations received from various organisations a request for increase in the load carrying capacity was made but this was not found acceptable since the overloading has been identified to be one of the major causes of road accidents and damage to the roads.

One Rupee Currency Notes

1513. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of one rupee currency notes printed and the expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years;

(b) the average life of such notes;

(c) whether the Government propose to discontinue printing of one rupee notes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The information is given below:

Year	*Pieces printed (Million)*	*Expenditure (Rs. lakh)*
1888-89	406.80	488.16
1989-90	355.00	479.29
1990-91	440.80	462.84

(b) The estimated average life of a Re.1/-note is about 6 months.

(c) The Government propose to discontinue the printing of Re.1/- note in a phased manner.

(d) Volume-wise, Re.1/- notes constitute around 21% but value-wise, represent only 1.1% of the total notes in circulation. The expenditure incurred towards printing and transporting Re.1/- notes is neither commensurate with its purchasing power nor with the life span of such notes. The Re.1/- note is proposed to be substituted by Re.1/- coin.

[*Translation*]

Declaration of Nasirabad-Mhow Stretch of Road as National Highway

*1514. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been persistent demand to declare Nasirabad-Mhow stretch of the road on the Bombay-Delhi route through Jaipur, Ajmer and Indore as a National Highway;

(b) whether this route is shorter than the